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SUBJECT: U.S.-GOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE RENEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN DISCUSSIONS NOVEMBER 27 AT MFA REGARDING U.S. AND GOR DRAFT PROGRAMS OF EXCHANGES (REFTEL A, PARA 4), EMBASSY ACCEPTED MFA PROPOSAL THAT WORKING DOCUMENT FOR ACTUAL NEGOTIATION OF PROGRAM BE BASED ON GOR DRAFT (BUCHAREST 5348). (AS REPORTED REFTEL A, U.S. DRAFT FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WILL BE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATING WORKING DOCUMENT ON GENERAL "UMBREALLA" AGREEMENT.)

2. ROSIANU AND BALTAC OF MFA EXPLAINED IN SOME DETAIL ROMANIAN REQUIREMENT, REPEAT REQUIREMENT, THAT FINAL PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES AGREED TO DURING NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE MUCH MORE DETAILED THAN U.S. DRAFT. INCLUSION OF NON-FUNDED PROGRAM ITEMS SUCH AS BOOK EXCHANGES, RADIO AND TELEVISION, AND MOTION

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TION OF LITERARY AND THEATRE WORKS, ETC. ARE, FOR THE ROMANIANS, "ENABLING" CLAUSES WHICH PERMIT THEIR VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND MINISTRIES TO CARRY ON ACTIVITIES WITH THE UNITED STATES WHICH THEY WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO DO. THUS, THEIR OWN INTERNAL BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM REQUIRES A MORE EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES (EVEN IF MUCH IS ONLY "VERBAGE") INDENTICAL IN A GREAT MANY RESPECTS TO LANGUAGE ALREADY APPEARING IN 1973-74 AGREEMENT AND THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT THE MORE STREAMLINED U.S. DRAFT PROGRAM OF "SPECIFIC EXCHANGES".

3. WORKING DOCUMENT FOR USE OF DELEGATIONS WILL, THEREFORE, BE ESSENTIALLY GOR DRAFT WITH INCLUSION OF U.S. PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED BY ROMANIANS AND DELETION OF SOME DRAFT GOR PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED U.S. DRAFT (E.G. NSF SUMMER WORKSHOPS, SINAIA SUMMER SEMINAR FOR U.S. STUDENTS, EDUCATIONAL DELEGATIONS).

4. DELEGATIONS WILL NEGOTIATE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS DIRECTLY FROM RESPECTIVE DRAFTS ALREADY EXCHANGED AND IN LIGHT OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN PROGRESS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS TO ISOLATE PROBLEMS AND POSITIONS IN ADVANCE. (SEPTELS FOLLOW DESCRIBING CONVERSATIONS HELD NOVEMBER 30 AT COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION REGARDING EXHIBITS AND DECEMBER 2 AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN REGARD TO THEIR PORTION FINANCIAL CONDITIONS). AT NOVEMBER 27 SESSION, REPRESENTATIVES FROM MFA, MINED, COUNCIL AND NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ALL RESISTED USG PROPOSAL TO INCREASE LOCAL STIPENDS FOR SHORT-TERM AND SCHOLARSHIP AMERICANS SINCE "THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN COST-OF-LIVING". EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO PREPARE INFORMAL SURVEY OF LOCAL COSTS TO SUPPORT U.S. REQUEST FOR INCREASES.  
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